

Transition Sooke Monthly Meeting
December 14, 2022

Present:

Welcome and land acknowledgment: Alan (facilitator), notes Chris

Agenda: Alan – Approved

Notes from November 9, 2022: M Susan C, 2nd Bernie - Accepted

Treasurer's report: M Bernie, 2nd Jo – Accepted

Steering Committee Report:

MOTION: Approve Membership Policy (consistent with the Bylaws, so no need to change bylaws at this time. M Kief, 2nd Jo – Approved

MOTION: Approve Decision-Making Policy: M Jo, 2nd Susan C – Approved

MOTION: Approve Financial Procedures Policy M Bernie 2nd Paula- Approved

MOTION: Approve email guidelines: Jo noted that there have been too many emails and some were critical so new guidelines have been proposed for emails in the “public realm of active members”, discussion. M Bernie, 2nd Susan C – Approved

Strategic Planning Session:

ACTION: small group of Jo, Susan B, Lily, and Diana to take on the task of planning the strategic planning session. Booked date for the session is January 22, 2023 10:00 am to 1:45 pm at the Sooke Library. Susan C suggested that council watchdogs should be discussed and a TS Town Hall should follow in February after the SRCHN combination volunteer fair and job fair.

ACTION: Jo to talk to Andrew Moore to see if he would join the group.

Presentation: “Greening of Developments” Bonnie Farris gave a presentation she developed with Karen Woodland on essentially green infrastructure and building. Focus was on developers who traditionally have little time or interest in such things. However, Bonnie and Karen will be meeting with the management of Costco on Friday to encourage them to take up green leadership on their building site. They have prepared a Powerpoint showing the possibilities of green roofing, solar panels over the parking lot, EV charging stations and better retention and use of rainfall on site. We wish them well. Lily said they should approach the Chamber of Commerce for a “buy-in” on the ideas they have. Lily and others also said that if the developers could be shown that a “greener” building with EV charging built in could sell for more than those without which would allay the common response of “it costs too much to do”. Alan said he had a link to a Salt Spring Island housing development following similar ideas and he will forward the link to Bonnie

Sooke Multi Faith Initiative: They have decided to split from TS and go their own way, as WildWise did in the past. In addition, Koshin will be stepping down from the TS Steering Committee. Lily will deal with any financial changes through her Treasurer's report.

Watch Dogs: no report, hoping for a new small group to form to continue Hester's and Jack's and others' reports on Council meetings.

ACTION: Susan B and group of interested volunteers to meet and decide what they wish to do

Water Group: Lynn mentioned the first house in Otter Point being approved with no well, rainwater catchment only. The 606 Water Group recently met for a ZOOM meeting with the tech in charge of Provincial Observation Wells in B.C. who said we are ten years behind the Gulf Islands in realizing and reacting to the seriousness of our water depletion on southern Vancouver Island.

Zero Waste: Bernie - December 18, a demonstration of waste-free gift wrapping at the Library, January 29, 2023 Fabric swap at the Library, and February 19 Repair Cafe are all coming up, as is a general meeting of Zero Waste Sooke.

Divestment Group: Susan C and Jo, waiting for the TS Town Hall Meeting in February to reboot interest.

Transportation Group: Susan B and Paula - Rideshare is personal cars and guests while carshare usually means a group of people that owns a car that is shared out amongst the group. Bus transportation still on the ticket, Chris wanted to hear back from any meetings the Transportation Group might have on the viability of a small bus being used on an extended loop from Kemp Lake road through Otter Point to Highway 14 and back to Sooke. Lily wanted TS to publicise that we own the bike locker at the park and ride and we are looking for new renters.

WE-CAN: Lily- Recent CAPA meeting by ZOOM max of 100 attended, many more did not get in. New ZOOM in February will take up three of the major concerns of Fossil fuels, Natural Gas, and lobbying to municipalities.

Motion: That TS commit a donation of \$40 to WE-CAN. M Alan, 2nd Bernie – Approved

SICAN: Susan C, similar concerns and focus as WE-CAN. Regarding BC fracking, Stand Earth, Dogwood, Wilderness Committee are all pushing David Eby to stand behind his early elected statement about the cessation of fracking in BC, the shipping of natural gas and fossil fuels and meeting the emissions caps currently in place.

ACTION: Susan C to send a link to Chris for the notes or directly to TS members. Colwood, Saanich, Oak Bay and Highlands are in the link as well.

Susan B said fourteen Sue Big Oil people demonstrated with signs at Government House when Eby and cabinet arrived. They were duly noted by Eby.

Santa Parade: Thanks to Gord, Susan and Paula for making it easy to be green.

Fortis Renewable Natural Gas: Susan C, Kief, and Roland met to discuss what TS should do if Fortis approaches Sooke Council, as it has already done in the Western Communities asking Councils to give concessions for the installation of gas infrastructure. At the Colwood meeting, many citizens spoke against the information that Fortis presented. Sooke Council should be prepared with accurate

information to deal with such a presentation so TS is planning to make sure that the claims of Fortis are debunked. The whole idea Fortis is presenting on biogenic methane seems very suspect and should be questioned closely.

Lions in the Park: Alan- the Lions proposal for JPMP is on hold for now thanks to constant pressure brought by the community against the idea. Thanks to Gord and Janel for tirelessly spearheading this action.

SRCHN: Volunteer Fair and Job Fair at EMCS February 11, 2023. TS will attend.

Sue Big Oil: Susan B - ongoing work by Susan on this long-term project.

Seasonal Gathering: One last try for a seasonal gathering either Dec 22 evening or 31 afternoon, so reply to Anna's recent email please.

Next Meeting: January 11, 2023 6:45 pm in-person at the Library or via Zoom. Facilitator?